

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of June 22, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-21 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-11, 15-17, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Leussler (US 6,825,661).

Claims 12-14 and 18-20 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

**The Claims Distinguish Patentably
Over the References of Record**

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from claims 4, 7, or 8. More specifically, claim 1 now calls for a wall, ceiling, or floor structure which includes at least one of (1) a layer of stainless steel, (2) ferrite tiles, or (3) an open electro conductive fiber construction. While Figure 7 of Leussler describes providing an inner side of the walls, floor, and ceiling with a layer of RF absorptive material 7, it fails to suggest the further improvement of ferrite tiles or an open electro conductive fiber construction. Nor does Figure 7 or other parts of Leussler suggest providing the walls, ceiling, or floor with a layer of stainless steel. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated by Leussler. Shudo (US 6,590,391) cited in the Office Action but not relied upon, does not cure these shortcomings of Leussler. Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 1 and claims 11 and 15 dependent therefrom** are not anticipated by Leussler and distinguish patentably over the references of record.

Claim 12, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 12 and claims 4, 5, 10, 13, and 14 dependent therefrom** are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 18, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that **claims 6-9, 16, 17, 19, and 20 dependent therefrom** are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 9. The subject matter of claim 21 finds antecedent basis in the embodiment of Figure 4 of the present application which shows an array of pyramids.

Claim 21 now calls for a 3D spatial structure of electro conductive elements that absorb electromagnetic RF waves. Leussler does not disclose an analogous 3D spatial structure. Figure 7 of Leussler describes a lining material, but does not describe a 3D structure in the sense of Figure 4 of the present application, much less a 3D structure directed toward the target area. Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 21 and claims 2, and 3 dependent therefrom** now distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

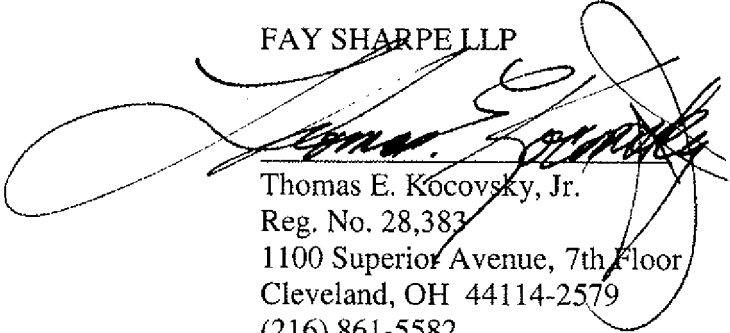
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that all claims distinguish patentably over the references of record. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

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